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**Via ECF**

Honorable Peter G. Sheridan, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
United States Courthouse  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Building  
50 Walnut Street, Room 4C  
Trenton, New Jersey 07101

**Re: United States v. Samba Diabate**  
**Docket No.: 08-00808-001**

Dear Judge Sheridan:

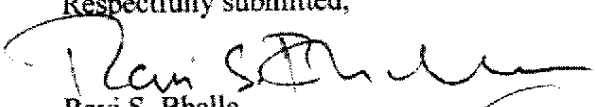
This firm represents Defendant, Samba Diabate, in the above referenced action, currently scheduled for sentencing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

I write to respectfully request an adjournment of this matter until the later half of February. The reason for this request is that pursuant to the plea agreement, Mr. Diabate will request a downward departure due to his medical condition. However, I have not yet received his medical records from the Essex County Correctional Facility and have been trying to obtain them since November 2008. I did receive notice, however, that the facility will be delivering these records to me shortly, but have still not actually received the records.

I contacted AUSA Brian Urbano to inform him that we have not yet received these records and has indicated his consent to this adjournment request.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ravi S. Bhalla

cc: Brian Urbano, AUSA (via ECF)

**SO ORDERED:**  
**DATED:** January 26, 2009